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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of :
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**APPLICANTS' RESPONSE
TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
EXAMINER'S ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

I Introduction

Applicants' Response is to an Examiner's Action dated September 17, 2003. In the Action, the Examiner provided a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mailing date of the Action, *i.e.*, to December 17, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely as it is being filed on December 17, 2003, with a Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.